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9. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 7, wherein the flexible connection (15) is enclosed by a tubular mesh (17), the mesh (17) terminating essentially flush with the surface of the piece (14).

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11. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein a defect which serves as a reference for the linear measurement is provided in at least one predetermined region of the waveguide (5).

REMARKS

The above amendments to the claims is intended to eliminate the multiple dependency claim fee.

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11. (Amended) The apparatus as claimed in claim 1 [one or more of the preceding claims], wherein a defect which serves as a reference for the linear measurement is provided in at least one predetermined region of the waveguide (5).

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